



COVENANT

presbyterian church

To the Greater Glory of God

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 28, 2026

11:00 a.m.

SANCTUARY

Covenant Presbyterian is a dynamic Christian community that gladly invites all people into a transformational experience of faith; boldly proclaims the gospel; bravely works toward a whole and just world; and passionately nurtures discipleship.

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Welcome to Covenant; we are glad you are here. Children are always welcome in worship. Childcare and children's programs (ages 6 weeks to fifth grade) are offered in the Education Wing. Infant soothing spaces with live video of the worship service are available in the Welcome Center and parlor. See an usher for assistance.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art R. Hobby

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Kate Sykes

*OPENING HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRACTICES OF DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD¹
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SILENT CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of goodness and grace, our hearts have grown calloused and closed. You place everyday miracles in our midst and we call them coincidence. You create beauty across the world and we call it hard work. You surprise us with grace and we call it inconvenience. Forgive us, gracious God, for choosing convenience over beauty and hustle over grace. Open our eyes to your love and heal us with your grace. In Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 587 (*choir and congregation*)

Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA²

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES. Grace Lindvall

Following Time with Young Disciples, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or go to Childcare. Children going to Childcare should be accompanied by a parent/guardian to the first floor of the Education Wing.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9, selected verses New Testament, p. 96-97

SERMON

“The Eyes of Faith” Michael Lindvall
Sermon Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 451

Open My Eyes OPEN MY EYES

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND CONCERNSBob Henderson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing M. Shaw³
With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard - alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth!
The Lord hath delivered his people - alleluia!
With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard - alleluia!
~ *Summer Choir* ~

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*CLOSING HYMN 649

Amazing GraceAMAZING GRACE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty C. Phillips

Notes:

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Leading Worship this Morning

Bob Henderson, senior minister

Michael Lindvall, senior minister emeritus, The Brick Presbyterian Church

Mary Kate Sykes, pastoral resident, education

Grace Lindvall, associate minister, education

Emily Floyd, director of traditional music

Jane Cain, guest organist

Summer Choir

Emily Reinicker, carillon

Welcome Michael Lindvall

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Michael Lindvall to Covenant as our guest preacher today. Rev. Lindvall is Senior Minister Emeritus of The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City and the author of several books, including *A Geography of God*, *Good News from North Haven* and *Ashes to Ashes*. He previously served congregations in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Northport, New York. Rev. Lindvall is the father of Grace Lindvall, who serves as Covenant's Associate Minister of Education.

WELCOME TO COVENANT

We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Please fill out one of the Worship Response Cards in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate when finished. All are welcome for fellowship and refreshments in the Circle where today's preaching minister will be glad to greet you.

Interested in joining Covenant? We welcome new members every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Feel free to contact our office at 704-333-9071 or email Lora.Borrelli@covenantpresby.org for more information.

Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers. Audio-induction hearing loops are installed in the sanctuary for use with hearing aids.



Each Sunday, we offer educational and fellowship opportunities in the mornings and evenings for children, youth and adults in the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall. Please see the digital signs in each building for details.

Are you signed up to receive our weekly emails? If not, please contact Lacy King, Communications Manager, at Lacy.King@covenantpresby.org.



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CONGREGATIONAL NOTES *(As of June 24)*

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Madison and Derek Foresman on the baptism of
their daughter Annie James at 9:30 a.m.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Susan Orr Irwin
August 15, 1962 - June 23, 2026

Beth Lowdermilk Whitfield
January 18, 1934 – June 16, 2026

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. - Revelation 14:13

OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO

Elliot Irwin and his family on the death of his
mother Susan Irwin on June 23.

Hank and Mary Wood Stallings and their family on
the death of Hank's brother Robert Stallings.

Tim and Cathy Kendrick and their family on the death
of his mother Reba Kendrick on June 19.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Loretta Brown
Candace Carter-Johnson
Helen Cathey
Deloris Davis
Annabelle Dawson
Jim Leathers
Dottie Stowe

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We rely on members of the congregation, friends and relatives to keep us informed of hospitalizations, births and deaths. Please call the church office at 704-333-9071 or email Aisha.Council@CovenantPresby.org. Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, on the website at Connect and Grow > Congregational Care, or to Grace.Lindvall@CovenantPresby.org. A pastor remains on call for emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-333-9071.

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